

I've been a licensee for 42 years. CW represents the premier weak signal mode that we have in radio communications that does not require a computer to encode or decode, It is the 2nd most popular mode and it represents no burden to anyone to learn and demonstrate proficiency at 5wpm. It is the only part of present amateur exams that represents any effort to achieve, the written exam is memorized by rote. I cannot support any effort to further cheapen the exams and am opposed to elimination of Element 1(morse code). I can support such petitions as has been advanced by FISTS that call for some limited privileges for Technician class in the HF spectrum while retaining Element 1 for General and Extra class.

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